

**Town of Amherst
Planning Commission Minutes
May 1, 2013**

A meeting of the Town of Amherst Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson June Driskill in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 7:30 PM on May 1, 2013. It was noted that a quorum was present as indicated below:

A Kevin Belcher	P William Jones
P June Driskill	P Leon Moss
P Ted Finney	P Rachel Thompson
P Clifford Hart	

Town Manager Jack Hobbs was present in his capacity as Secretary to the Commission.

Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Moss were welcomed to the Commission.

The minutes of the August 1, 2013 Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hart, and carried 6-0 according to the following:

Kevin Belcher	Absent	William Jones	Aye
June Driskill	Aye	Leon Moss	Aye
Ted Finney	Aye	Rachel Thompson	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye		

Small Townhouse Development Ordinance

After the Secretary gave a report the matter, the Commissioners discussed a potential change to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance relating to townhouses. It was agreed that a new "Townhouses, as provided in Section 912 herein, with no more than four townhouses within any one development" use category should be added to the Zoning and Subdivision ordinance and shown as a permitted use in the R2 zone and as a special use permit in the R1 zone. Mrs. Thompson made a motion to hold a public hearing on the matter at the June Commission meeting. The motion was seconded and carried 6-0 according to the following:

Kevin Belcher	Absent	William Jones	Aye
June Driskill	Aye	Leon Moss	Aye
Ted Finney	Aye	Rachel Thompson	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye		

The public hearing notice for the public hearing is as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Amherst of Amherst Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on June 5, 2013 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall at 186 S. Main Street. The subject of the hearing is a proposed amendment to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance that would, if approved:

- 1.allow townhouse developments with no more than four units as a permitted use in the General Residential District R2, and
- 2.allow townhouse developments with no more than four units as a use allowed after approval of a special use permit in the Limited Residential District R1.

Information pertaining to this request is on file and available for review in the Town Hall weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM and at www.amherstva.gov.

Mrs. Driskill gave a report on the potential conversion of the Fink dwelling at 271 S. Main Street to a light business use.

The Commissioners decided to wait until Mr. Belcher is present before electing officers.

The Secretary was asked to investigate whether Town Code requirements are being met at the traffic circle where numerous prefabricated sheds are being offered for sale.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

June Driskill, Chairperson

Attest: _____